

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method of using multimedia messaging service (MMS) messages for notification of events in a portable communication device, the method comprising:

receiving, via a network and by a message handling unit of the portable communication device, at least one MMS message ~~from a network, where the at least one MMS message includes~~ including at least two different types of media files and associated synchronization information;

notifying, by the message handling unit, a user of the portable communication device of the receipt of the at least one MMS message;

providing, by the message handling unit, the user with an option to set the at least one MMS message for use as a notification of a particular event related to the portable communication device;

receiving, by the message handling unit, a user selection to set the at least one MMS message for use as the notification of the particular event;

~~setting storing, by the message handling~~ in a notification setting storage unit of the portable communication device, a setting identifying the at least one MMS message for use as [[a]] the notification of an event related to the portable communication device based on the user selection;

~~storing, by the message handling unit after the storing the setting,~~ the at least one MMS message in ~~a memory~~ an MMS storage unit of the portable communication device;

detecting, by a call handling unit of the portable communication device, an occurrence of the particular event ~~corresponding to the notification~~;

determining, by the call handling unit, that the setting in the notification storage unit corresponds to the detected particular event;

contacting, by the call handling unit, the message handling unit to render the at least one MMS message as the notification;

retrieving, by the ~~[[call]]~~ message handling unit, the ~~stored~~ at least one MMS message from the MMS storage unit based on the ~~detection of~~ contacting by the ~~occurrence of the event~~ call handling unit; and

synchronously presenting, via one or more presentation units of the portable communication device, the at least two different types of media files of the retrieved at least one MMS message, based on the associated synchronization information.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, where the particular event comprises at least one of receiving a phone call, receiving an electronic message, or notification of an appointment according to a calendar setting.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, where one of the at least two different types of media files includes a sound file to be presented via a speaker of the portable communication device.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 3, where another one of the at least two different types of media files includes an image file to be presented via a display of the portable communication device.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 3, where another one of the at least two different types of media files includes a text file to be presented via a display of the portable communication device.

6. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, where storing the setting identifying the at least one MMS message comprises setting the at least one MMS message as the notification for all events of a certain type, where the particular event is of the certain type.

7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, where storing the setting identifying the at least one MMS message comprises setting the at least one MMS message as the notification for select events of a certain type, where the particular event is of the certain type.

8. (Currently amended) A portable communication device ~~for using~~ enabled to use multimedia messaging service (MMS) messages for notification of events occurring at the portable communication device, the portable communication device comprising:

an event handling unit;

a message storage unit;

a notification setting storage unit;

one or more presentation units;

a radio circuit; and

a message handling unit to:

receive, from a network via the radio circuit, at least one MMS message including at least two different types of media files and associated synchronization information,

~~where~~

notify a user of the portable communication device of the receipt of the at least one MMS message,

provide the user with an option to set the at least one MMS message for use as a notification of a particular event related to the portable communication device,

receive, responsive to the option provided to the user, a user selection to set the at least one MMS message for use as the notification of the particular event,

the message handling unit is to set store, in the notification storage unit and based on the user selection, a setting identifying the at least one MMS message for use as  
[[a]] the notification of [[an]] the particular event ~~handled by the event handling unit,~~  
and

store, after the setting is stored, the at least one MMS message in the message storage unit, [[and]] where the event handling unit is to:

detect an occurrence of the particular event ~~corresponding to the notification,~~

determine that the setting in the notification storage unit corresponds to the detected particular event,

contact the message handling unit to render the at least one MMS message as the notification,

direct the MMS message handling unit to retrieve the stored MMS message from the message storage unit, responsive to the detection of the occurrence of the particular event, and

direct the MMS message handling unit to direct the one or more presentation units to simultaneously present the at least two different types of media files of the retrieved at least one MMS message based on the associated synchronization.

9. (Previously presented) The portable communication device according to claim 8, where the event handling unit comprises at least one of a call handling unit, a calendar, or a message handling unit.

10. (Currently amended) The portable communication device according to claim 8, further comprising:

a speaker, where one of the at least two different types of media files includes a sound file to be presented via the speaker.

11. (Currently amended) The portable communication device according to claim 8, further comprising:

a display, where one of the at least two different types of media files includes an image file to be presented via the display.

12. (Currently amended) The portable communication device according to claim 8, further comprising:

a display, where one of the at least two different types of media files includes a text file to be presented via the display.

13. (Currently amended) The portable communication device according to claim 8, where the message handling unit is to set the MMS message as the notification for all events of a certain type that includes the particular event.

14. (Currently amended) The portable communication device according to claim 8, where the message handling unit is to set the MMS message as the notification for select events of a certain type that includes the particular event.

15. (Previously presented) The portable communication device according to claim 8, where the portable communication device is a cellular phone.

16. (Currently amended) A ~~program product comprising a~~ computer readable ~~medium~~ storage device, having stored thereon~~[[:]]~~ computer program code ~~means~~, to make a portable communication device execute, ~~when said program is loaded in the portable communication device~~, instructions to:

receive, via a network, at least one multimedia messaging service (MMS) message ~~from a network, where the at least one MMS message includes~~ including at least two different types of media files and associated synchronization information,

notify a user of the portable communication device of the receipt of the at least one MMS message,

provide the user an option to set the received at least one MMS message as a notification of a particular event related to the portable communication device,

receive, responsive to the option provided to the user, a selection to set the at least one MMS message for use as the notification of the particular event

[[set]] store, in a first storage device and based on the received selection, a setting identifying the at least one MMS message for use as [[a]] the notification of [[an]] the particular event ~~related to the portable communication device,~~

store, in a second storage device and only after the setting is stored, the at least one MMS message,

detect an occurrence of the particular event ~~notification,~~

retrieve the stored at least one MMS message based on the detection of the occurrence of the particular event, and

synchronously present the at least two different types of media files of the retrieved MMS media message based on the associated synchronization information.

17. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

means for receiving, via a network, at least one multimedia messaging service (MMS) message ~~from a network, where the at least one MMS message includes~~ including at least two different types of media files and associated synchronization information;

means for notifying a user of a portable communication device of the receipt of the at least one MMS message;

means for providing ~~[[a]]~~ the user an option to set the received at least one MMS message as a notification of a particular event related to the portable communication device;

means for receiving, from the user, a selection, responsive to the option provided to the user, to set the at least one MMS message for use as the notification of the particular event;

means for ~~setting~~ storing, based on the selection, a setting identifying the MMS message for use as the notification of the particular event;

means for storing, only after the storing the setting, the at least one MMS message, where the means for storing the at least one MMS message differs from the means for storing the setting;

means for detecting an occurrence of the particular event ~~corresponding to the notification;~~

means for retrieving the stored at least one MMS message based on the detection of the occurrence of the particular event; and

means for simultaneously presenting the at least two different types of media files of the retrieved MMS media message based on the associated synchronization information.